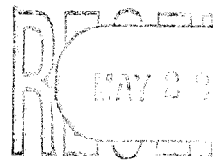


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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This Letter is to protest the proposed water rate increase the Arizona Water company is asking for its Eastern Group Docket # W-0145A-02-0619, San Manuel, Az. 85631.

We believe this 99% increase they are asking for is 100% UNFAIR! The Arizona Water Company here has not had to drill wells, buy water from a different source, or install new water lines for San Manuel. Our water supply comes from the wells along the San Pedro River, which is where we have gotten our water for the past 50+ years.

These are rough times for the country, and San Manuel in particular since BHP Copper Company closed in 1999. The Arizona Water Company in San Manuel is over staffed, and they do not need to buy new vehicles every two to three years. The people of this community should not have to pay for their mismanagement or their expansions into new housing communities like Saddlebrook and Willow Springs.

Please keep these things in mind when you consider the proposed water rate increases from Arizona Water Company.

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